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House Bill 791

By: Representative Cheokas of the 134th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Code Section 46-5-138 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
- 2 creation and powers of joint emergency "911" system authorities, so as to provide for
- 3 exemptions with respect to certain taxation; to provide for legislative findings and
- 4 determinations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

- 7 Code Section 46-5-138 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the creation
- 8 and powers of joint emergency "911" system authorities, is amended by adding a new
- 9 subsection at the end thereof, to be designated subsection (g) to read as follows:
- 10 "(g) It is found, determined, and declared that the creation of the authority and the carrying
- out of its corporate purposes are in all respects for the benefit of the people of this state and
- constitute a public purpose and that the authority will be performing an essential
- governmental function in the exercise of the power conferred upon it by this Code section.
- 14 This state covenants that the authority shall be required to pay no taxes or assessments
- upon any of the property acquired or leased by it or under its jurisdiction, control,
- possession, or supervision, or upon its activities in the operation or maintenance of the
- buildings erected or acquired by it, or upon any fees, rentals, or other charges for the use
- of such buildings, or upon other income received by the authority. The exemption provided
- in this Code section shall include an exemption from state and local sales and use tax on
- 20 property purchased by the authority for use exclusively by the authority."

SECTION 2.

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.